Setting up of National Institute of Unani Medicine at Bangalore

587. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the National Institute of Unani Medicine proposed to be started at Bangalore;

(b) the reasons for delay in starting the Institute inspite of Karnataka Government providing the land required for the Institute;

(c) whether Government would consider appointing a high power Committee to speed up the starting of the Institute; and

(d) the time by which the Institute is likely to Start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore was established in December, 1984 alongwith the Constitution of a Governing Body to manage the Institute. An Officer-on-Special Duty (OSD) was appointed with a skeleton staff who is functioning from the accommodation provided by the Government of Karnataka. The Government of Karnataka has provided land for the Institute. The plans and estimates for construction of the building have been prepared. Now with the setting up of a separate Department of ISM & H and allocation of additional funds for the new department, the process of setting up of the Institute has gained momentum.

(c) At present there is no proposal to appoint a High Power Committee.

(d) The C.C.R.U.M. have now taken the responsibility of starting on O.P.D. in Unani Medicine and start cultivation programme at the site of the Institute with the staff from various field units.

Viable projects indentified by KVIC

588. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state what are the viable projects that have been identified by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and KVI Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: In accordance with the recommendations of the High Power Committee on Khadi and Village Industries, empahsis is being laid on formulation and implementation of viable projects in the Khadi and Village Industries sector. KVIC has identified sectors such as leather, handmade paper, bee keeping and pottery as priority sectors for taking up viable projects for generation of employment in rural areas.

Employment Creation under JRY in Karnataka

589. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of employment opportunities created in Karanataka under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during the last two years and the number of persons provided with jobs; and

(b) what the details of employment proposed to be provided during the current year under JRY and the number of persons proposed to be provided during the current year under JRY and the number of persons proposed to be provided employment in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI UTTAMBAHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Since the objective of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is to provide additional gainful employment for the unemployed and under-employed persons in the rural areas, the employment opportunities